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SUBJECT: PL 480 FOOD FOR INDIA - STATUS REPORT

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1. DELIGHTED TO HEAR OF RECOMMENDATION. WE SHALL NOT MENTION IT TO THE GOI.

2. JUST PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL LANDE HAD BEEN TALKING TO BAIJAL AND HAD RECEIVED A VERY DIFFERENT IMPRESSION OF THE SALES AGREEMENT STATUS THAN THAT GIVEN IN PARA 4 REFTEL. BAIJAL SAYS THAT HE KNOWS OF NO TALKS IN WASHINGTON IN PAST 10 DAYS AND HE EXTREMELY DISSATISFIED ABOUT INDIAN EMBASSY REPORTING ON STATUS OF TALKS. AT LEAST AS OF YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THERE WAS NO DOCUMENT AWAITING CLEARANCE IN DELHI. ALL THAT BAIJAL HAD WERE MINUTES OF TALKS SOME TWO WEEKS OR MORE OLD AND OUR OLDER PROPOSED AGREEMENT LANGUAGE ON WHICH INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN SENT TO WASHINGTON WEEKS AGO.

3. BAIJAL CLAIMS THAT THE DISAGREEMENT COMES DOWN TO TWO POINTS: SALES PROCEEDS AND INDIAN EXPORT LIMITATIONS. ON SALES PROCEEDS WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF USDA HAS ACCEPTED THE RAMAKRISHNA REWRITE WHICH MORLEY WAS TALKING TO USDA ON JANUARY 24. IF SO, THE PROBLEM APPEARS RESOLVED

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BUT DELHI KNOWS NOTHING OF THIS. ON INDIAN EXPORT LIMITATIONS

BAIJAL WANTS CHANGES IN THE AGREED MINUTES. LANDE TRIED TO TALK HIM OUT OF SEEKING SUCH CHANGES AND CLAIMED (HOPEFULLY CORRECTLY) THAT RAMAKRISHNA HAD RECEIVED M. G. KAUL'S APPROVAL ON EVERYTHING EXCEPT SALES PROCEEDS. AS FAR AS YOU KNOW, DO WE HAVE AGREEMENT ON THE AGREED MINUTES?

4. I HESITATE TO RAISE ALL THESE POSSIBLE PROBLEMS IN THE FACE OF YOUR GOOD NEWS. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD CLEAR UP THESE MINOR POINTS NOW SO THAT WE CAN MOVE QUICKLY ONCE THE NAC APPROVES THE INCREASED AMOUNT.
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